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COLORADO GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

(DENVER) -- The Colorado Governor's Emergency Management Conference will be held February 26 – 28, 2008, at the **Inverness Hotel & Conference Center – Englewood, Colorado**. This conference provides a clearinghouse of information for both public and private agencies involved preparing for, mitigating against, responding to, and recovering from natural and manmade disasters and emergency situations.

This year's topics include:

- Developing and Managing Volunteers
- Building Relationships with Non Profits: The Value of Volunteers Active in Disasters (VOADs) in Your Community
- Urban Search and Rescue Capabilities in Colorado
- Mitigating the Bark Beetle Issue
- Response and Recovery of the Town of Holly: Surviving a Tornado
- Identifying and Partnering with Special Needs Populations in Your Community
- State Animal Response Teams

"This is one time of year where people who are responsible for preventing the impacts of disasters — from all of Colorado's communities — get together and try to understand what we can do better in the future to protect our citizens," Hans Kallam, Director of Colorado's Division of Emergency Management, said.

Governor Ritter will address conference participants after lunch the second day of the conference.

"I look forward to meeting with the folks who are responsible for the safety of Colorado's residents. This is a great forum for promoting the partnerships among the state's first response, volunteer, and business community."

The conference is sponsored by the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DoLA), the Colorado Division of Emergency Management (CDEM), and the Colorado Emergency Management Association (CEMA). For more information, go to the CDEM website at: <http://dola.colorado.gov/dem/>

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